

Florence, New Jersey
December 17, 2003

The Florence Township Council held a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by President Hofflinger at 8:00 PM. President Hofflinger led the Salute to the Flag.

The Township Clerk read the following statement: "Notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was published in the Burlington County Times on January 5, 2003 and given to the Register News for information. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board."

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

John Hofflinger, President
Frank Baldorossi
John Fratinardo
Bruce Garganio
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

Michael Muchowski, Mayor; Richard Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas Sahol, Assistant Administrator; Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer; William John Kearns, Jr., Township Solicitor; Joy Weiler, Township Clerk; Elizabeth Ryan, Council Member Elect

MINUTES

Fratinardo made a MOTION; seconded by Baldorossi to approve the following minutes. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Fratinardo; seconded by Hofflinger to receive and file the Police report and the Court Administrator's report for November. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Fratinardo made a MOTION; seconded by Hofflinger to approve the Treasurer's Bill List. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

APPLICATIONS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Mognancki, 904 Walnut Street, discussed the need for ratables in the township. He would like to see a drug store in Roebling for the residents there.

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Bill Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, commended Council Member Hofflinger for serving the community during his time on Council.

Prim Cruz, Potts Mill Road, wished Council Member Hofflinger well and thanked him for his time serving the community.

Mr. Mognancki thanked Council Member Hofflinger for all he has done and wished him well in the future.

All residents having an opportunity to be heard, MOTION by Fratinardo; seconded by Baldorossi to close the public portion of the meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-205

**APPROVE REQUEST TO RELEASE PERFORMANCE
BONDS FOR TIDEWATER FARMS, PHASES I, II, III & IV
(BEAZER)**

NOTE: Conditioned upon payment of any escrow money due; posting a Maintenance Bond and posting check for plantings.

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-207

**APPROVE REQUEST TO RELEASE PERFORMANCE
BOND FOR OAK COURT (WOOLSTON)**

NOTE: Conditioned upon payment of any and all escrow money due; posting a check for outstanding items to be complete in the spring; and posting a Maintenance Bond.

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-208

**DENY REQUEST TO RELEASE PERFORMANCE
BOND FOR THE PRESERVE AT BROOKSIDE ESTATES
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS HILL CREEK II)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-219

AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF CERTAIN TAX OVERPAYMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-220

CANCELING TAX OVERPAYMENTS LESS THAN \$10.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-221

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 1
FOR TEST WELL NO. 6
TO WILLIAM STOTHOFF CO., INC.
P.O. BOX 68
FLEMINGTON, NJ 08822**

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-222

**DENY REQUEST FOR BOND REDUCTION OR RELEASE
KEENAN'S HAMILTON CROSSING DEVELOPMENT – SECTION II**

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-223

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 1
AND CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR WELL NO. 2 REDEVELOPMENT
CONTRACTOR: A.C. SCHULTES, 664 SOUTH EVERGREEN AVE.,
WOODBURY, NEW JERSEY, 08087**

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-224

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 1 FOR
RMS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, 1985 DUTCH MILL ROAD
NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-225

**AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT TO THE
POLICE SUPERVISORS' ASSOCIATION CONTRACT
WHICH EXPIRES 12-31-05**

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-226

**AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF TWO 2004 FORD CROWN
VICTORIA POLICE INTERCEPTORS
POLICE VEHICLES, STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE
A45069**

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-227

**REMOVE TWO PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE STATE OF
NEW JERSEY FROM THE MUNICIPAL UTILITY
IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT LIST**

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-228

TRANSFERRING CERTAIN 2003 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

Administrator Brook explained that an amendment will be made to Resolution No. 2003-208 adding the language “the Township Administrator and the Township Solicitor are authorized to contact the bonding company that the developer is in default of his obligations under the performance bond” in an effort to pull the bond.

It was on the MOTION of Fratinardo, seconded by Baldorossi that Resolutions 2003-205, 2003-207, 2003-208 and 2003-219 through 2003-228 be adopted.

On the Question

Council Member Garganio questioned Resolution No. 2003-228 and asked for a breakdown of the budget transfers. Administrator Brook gave a breakdown.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Fratinardo, Garganio, Sandusky, Hofflinger

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2003-31
(2nd Reading)**

**REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE, COUNTY
OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF THE
TOWNSHIP’S SERIES 1994 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AND WATER AND SEWER
UTILITY BONDS DATED FEBRUARY 1, 1994, THE TOWNSHIP’S SERIES 1998
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT, WATER AND SEWER UTILITY AND WATER AND
SEWER ASSESSMENT BONDS DATED APRIL 1, 1998, AND THE TOWNSHIP’S
SERIES 1999 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS DATED JUNE 15 1999,
APPROPRIATING NOT TO EXCEED THE AGGREGATE SUM OF \$7,370,000
THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$7,370,000
REFUNDING BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE FOR FINANCING THE
COST THEREOF**

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It was on the MOTION of Fratinardo, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Ordinance No. 2003-31 on second reading for adoption.

Public Comment

Council President Hofflinger opened the meeting to the public for comments at this time.

Nothing at this time.

It was on the MOTION of Fratinardo, seconded by Baldorossi to close the public hearing.
All ayes – motion carried.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Fratinardo, Garganio, Sandusky, Hofflinger

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Nothing at this time.

Mayor Muchowski

- Mayor Muchowski wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and New Year. He stated that he and Council will work hard to bring the community to where it needs to be. It is a tough but enjoyable job. He also stated that he will miss Council Member Hofflinger.

Administrator

- Administrator Brook stated that it has been a pleasure working with Council Member Hofflinger. He commended Council Member Hofflinger on the integrity he has maintained over the years.

Assistant Administrator

- Assistant Administrator Sahol asked for a motion to authorize the Township Engineer to go out to bid on the **2003-2004 Community Development Block Grant** project, which includes handicap access and park structure at **H. Kenneth Wilkie Memorial Park**.

It was on the MOTION of Garganio, seconded by Sandusky to authorize the Township Engineer to go out to bid on the 2003-2004 CDBG project.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Fratinardo, Garganio, Sandusky, Hofflinger

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, wished everyone happy holidays and thanked Council Member Hofflinger and wished him well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing at this time.

PRESENTATION: COUNCIL MEMBER HOFFLINGER

In honor of Council Member Hofflinger's years of service to the Township of Florence, Mayor Muchowski and Township Council presented him with a clock and Mrs. Hofflinger with flowers.

Council Member Hofflinger thanked Mayor Muchowski, Township Council and all of the employees of Florence Township. He believes that the employees work hard and make Township Council look good. Council Member Hofflinger thanked everyone for their support.

A reception honoring Mr. Hofflinger was held in the front conference room immediately following the meeting.

8:25 PM MOTION by Fratinardo, seconded by Baldorossi to adjourn meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:25 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC, Township Clerk

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